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Sir:

Appellant now presents this Reply Brief under 37 CFR § 1.193 in response to the Examiner's Answer of October 19, 2005 and make the following responses to the Examiner's arguments.

**A. WHETHER PATRIZIO IS PRIOR ART TO APPELLANTS' CLAIMED INVENTION IS PROPERLY APPEALABLE**

On page 2, paragraph (6) of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner states that Appellants' Declaration filed under 37 CFR 1.131 is only a petitionable matter and cannot be appealed to the

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